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Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 660,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, 2008, down 3 percent from August 1, 2008, and down 12 percent from September 1, 2007. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 470,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month and 4 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 190,000 head on feed, down 9 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year.

Placements during August totaled 91,000 head, up 32 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 72,000 head, up 41 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 19,000 head. This is up 6 percent from last month but down 37 percent from last year.

Marketings for August were 110,000 head, up 2 percent from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 75,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 35,000 head, up 6 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2008. The inventory was 3 percent below September 1, 2007 and 9 percent below September 1, 2006.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million, 3 percent below 2007 and 10 percent below 2006. Net placements were 2.01 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 410,000, 700-799 pounds were 566,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.88 million, 9 percent below 2007 and 9 percent below 2006. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 49,000 during August, 2 percent below 2007 and 17 percent below 2006.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2008	475	208	683
August Placements	72	19	91
August Marketings	75	35	110
August Other Disappearance	2	2	4
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2008	470	190	660